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I-496 Project Update

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Reconstruction of I-496 continues to progress on schedule! Eastbound I-496 is expected to be completed and opened to traffic in mid- to late July. After eastbound I-496 is completed, construction will immediately begin on westbound I-496, which is expected to last into November.

Project Progress the Last Two Weeks:

- All underdrains and open-graded drainages course have been installed.
- Concrete paving has taken place in the following locations:
 - o Mainline I-496 from Snow Road to Waverly Road.
 - o The shoulders from Creyts Road to Waverly Road.
 - o Eastbound I-496 exit ramp to Creyts Road.
 - o Eastbound I-496 exit ramp to Waverly Road.
 - o Southbound Waverly Road entrance ramp to eastbound I-496.
- The placement of shoulder gravel and topsoil has begun on mainline I-496.
- The following work has been completed on Waverly Road:
 - o Drainage structure placement and storm work is complete.
 - o Signal work has begun at Old Lansing Road.
 - o The aggregate base has placed.
- The following bridge work has taken place:
 - The approaches have been poured on the eastbound I-496 bridge over Lansing Road.
 - o The following work has been performed on the Main Street bridge over I-496.
 - Stay-in-place decking is complete.
 - Welded beam repairs are complete.

- Substructure patching work continues.
- The following work has been performed on the southbound Creyts Road bridge over I-496:
 - End joints have been removed.
 - Forming and placement of new joints have started.
 - Approach slabs have been removed.
- o The Moon Hamilton Drain culvert has been installed.
- o Beam end work has been completed on the Mt. Hope Road bridge.
- o Beam end work has begun on the St. Joseph Street bridge.
- o Painting has been completed on the Canal Road bridge.

Project Expectations for the Next Two Weeks:

- Concrete paving is expected to be completed.
- Shoulder gravel and topsoil will continue.
- Final restoration items will begin.
- Sign placement will begin.
- The following work will be completed on Waverly Road:
 - o Curb and gutter installation will take place.
 - o Signal work will continue at Old Lansing Road.
- The following bridge work will take place:
 - o The railings on the eastbound I-496 bridge over Lansing Road will be poured.
 - o Bridge deck construction will continue on the Main Street bridge, including the placement of shear studs and reinforcement steel.
 - The following work will take place on the southbound Creyts Road bridge over I-496:
 - Bridge joints will be poured.
 - Bridge painting will begin.
 - Approach pavement will be placed.
 - o The Moon Hamilton Drain culvert will be backfilled.
 - O Slope paving will occur on the Mt. Hope bridge.
 - o Beam end repairs will continue on the St. Joseph Street bridge.

How Will Traffic Be Affected?

- Eastbound I-496 traffic will remain detoured via I-96 to Lansing Road.
 - The I-96, Creyts Road, and Waverly Road ramps to eastbound I-496 will be closed.
- Main Street:
 - The Main Street bridge over I-496 is detoured via Waverly Road to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.
- Waverly Road between Lansing Road and St. Joseph Street:
 - Northbound Waverly Road traffic is detoured via Lansing Road, Main Street,
 Clare Street, and St. Joseph Street. Two-way Waverly Road traffic is maintained from the westbound entrance/exit ramps to St. Joseph Street.

- Starting Monday, July 6, Waverly Road will be closed and detoured in both directions from Lansing Road to the railroad tracks. Work is expected to last 21 calendar days to facilitate storm sewer placement and roadway reconstruction.
- Creyts Road over I-496:
 - The southbound lanes of the Creyts Road bridge over I-496 are closed and detoured via westbound I-496, eastbound I-96, and eastbound Lansing Road. The westbound I-496 ramp to southbound Creyts Road is also closed and detoured.

General Project Information:

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is investing approximately \$60 million to improve I-496 between I-96 and Lansing Road. Work includes reconstructing the freeway and ramps, preventive maintenance on all the bridges in the project area, and making operational improvements to the entrance and exit ramps at the I-96, Creyts Road, and Waverly Road interchanges.

Additional Information:

For more information about the I-496 project, go to www.Michigan.gov/496Lansing. The project website contains various visual aids, including alternate route maps, and additional links to project-related information.

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